

Working Solutions

Monday

Stream E

Session 1

1145– 1230

Session 2

1500– 1545

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Safeguarding—Exploring the role of a moving and handling advisor within care homes

This Theory session is aimed at Adult and Child Care in the Community at Novice and Experienced Trainers

Biography:

Pip Bryant BSc hons Occupational Therapy. I have worked in the community for 15yrs providing OT assessments, equipment and supporting adaptations. 4 years of this has been within a regaining independence service and the past 3 years has been within the moving and handling team. Here I support and train OTs in the community, staff and pupils at special needs schools, staff and adults in day centres and investigate safeguarding enquiries.

Jo Brown PGcert Occupational Therapy. I have worked in the community, acute hospital and private sector since qualifying as an OT in 2001. Completing OT assessments for adults and Children with long term disabilities to help maximise independence within their home setting. Included designing adaptations, issuing specialist equipment. In my current role as a moving and handling advisor role I support and train OTs in the community, staff and pupils at special needs schools, staff and adults in day centres and investigate safeguarding enquiries.

Abstract:

Our presentation will be discussing the work completed over the past 2 years by the WSCC moving and handling team in relation to safeguarding concerns within care homes and care organisations.

The key points it will address will be –

- The types of safeguarding enquiries that a moving and handling advisor may become involved with
- How a moving and handling advisor 'fits in' within the structure of other professionals involved, and what specialist knowledge they can bring
- The role of the moving and handling advisor when working within the care setting and the challenges which come with this
- How a moving and handling advisor can support other professionals to recognise controversial moving and handling techniques or incorrect equipment being used
- To look at how moving and handling advisors can support care homes with prevention of incidents resulting in safeguarding enquiries.

The expected aims and outcomes will be for delegates to discuss their own experiences of working on safeguarding cases and what challenges they encountered. To discuss common themes when working on safeguarding cases and how some of these themes could be changed. To look at the wider picture of who is visiting the care home and ensure that they are skilled to recognise poor moving and handling and risk assessment and how to address this during their visit and what to do after their visit. To discuss how the role of a moving and handling advisor can be developed and give delegates an understanding of the need for this specialism within care homes.

Objectives:

- To explore the type of safeguarding enquiries which may need moving and handling involvement within care homes
- To understand the role of the moving and handling advisor within safeguarding and how it differs from other professionals involved in the investigation
- To understand the challenges of supporting a care home when working with them on solutions to moving and handling issues
- To explore at how we can prevent poor moving and handling techniques within care homes rather than reacting to them after they have happened